

REMARKS

In the Notice of Allowance mailed on November 26, 2003, claims 31, 33-36, 38-51 and 37 (renumbered as 1-20, respectively) have been allowed. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of these claims.

In addition, the drawings have been objected to by the Examiner. In Figure 6b, the Examiner has indicated that the chemical equation "X = CH₂, NH" needs to be changed to -- X = CH, N --. In response thereto, Applicants herein submit a replacement sheet for Figure 6b correcting same. In addition, the remaining originally filed sheets of drawings have been corrected in accordance with the draftsperson's objections on Form PTO-948 and are being submitted herewith. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the aforementioned objections to the drawings have been overcome and should therefore be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance and request that such action be taken. If for any reason the Examiner believes that prosecution of this application would be advanced by contact with the Applicants' attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

Respectfully submitted,
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